

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 25 of page 7:

-- As shown in FIG. 6, in one embodiment, the piercing point 24 and hinge 42 are defined by a single continuous channel that has a first substantially straight line segment 25, a second substantially straight line segment 27, and an arcuate portion or line segment 29. The first end of the first line segment 25 joins to a first end of the arcuate line segment 29 and a first end of the second line segment 27 joins to the second end of the arcuate line segment 29. In one embodiment, as illustrated in FIG. 6, the first and second line segments 25, 27 are substantially parallel to each other. In one embodiment, as indicated in FIG. 6, the distance or offset between the first and second line segments 25, 27 is substantially less than the diameter of the arcuate line segment 29. Also, as indicated in FIG. 6, in one embodiment, the gap 31 between the ends of the arcuate line segment 29 is substantially less than the diameter of the arcuate line segment 29. Thus, the arcuate segment 29 has a circumference that is substantially greater than 180 degrees.

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